

# OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

## HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 13, 2016*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,064,879,099,682.52. We've added \$8,599,349,440,294.10 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

# IN RECOGNITION OF MS. BLANCHE BAUDHUIN'S SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

## HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 13, 2016*

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Blanche Baudhuin of Green Bay, Wisconsin, who has been an American Red Cross volunteer for almost 40 years. Still active at an amazing one hundred years young, Blanche is almost certainly the oldest Red Cross volunteer in the United States.

Over the past few years, Blanche has frequently been the first person donors see when they arrive at Green Bay's Blood Donation Center on Deckner Avenue. Knowing full well that giving blood can be a nerve-racking experience, especially for first-timers, Blanche is a constant source of comfort and mirth, always willing to offer reassurance, a smile, and maybe a cookie or two to those who donate. In addition to making the rounds at the Center, Blanche also works tirelessly to promote blood drives at churches and other locations throughout Northeast Wisconsin.

In the lead-up to her 100th birthday last month, Blanche's wish was for 100 people to donate at a blood drive hosted at the First Lutheran Church in Allouez. Her birthday wish came true . . . and then some: an incredible 114 donors showed up.

Thank you, Blanche, for your extraordinary service to a life-saving cause, and keep up the great work.

# TRIBUTE TO JANET AIRIS

## HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 13, 2016*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Representative LOWEY, rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Janet Airis on her retirement after 32 years of distinguished service to the Congress with the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).

Janet started in the Scorekeeping Unit at CBO in the waning days of 1983, soon after graduating from Wellesley College. She was first hired to maintain the unit's database for tracking the status of enacted legislation and

over the next 16 years worked as the lead analyst responsible for scoring appropriations legislation for five of the thirteen Appropriations Committee subcommittees.

In 2000, after demonstrating her acumen as a proficient analyst, Janet made the smooth transition to Unit Chief and took on the responsibility of overseeing all of the work of CBO's Scorekeeping Unit. Janet has served the Congress diligently by overseeing the unit's analyses of the President's budget requests; the estimates of every appropriation bill taken through each chamber; the publication of the annual Unauthorized Appropriations and Expiring Authorizations report; and countless other informal requests for information on budgetary matters related to matters under Congressional consideration.

In addition to her management responsibilities, Janet has directly supported the Congress's fiscal bookkeeping by serving as the lead analyst for the Legislative Branch appropriations bill.

Congressional staff and CBO colleagues have come to depend on Janet for her ready expertise, her diligence, and her attention to detail. She has provided this institution with insightful guidance and analysis through several major reforms to budgetary processes, dozens of budget resolutions, creation of new government agencies and departments, and the reorganization of our committee structures.

Constant through all that change has been Janet Airis' dedication to her work at the Congressional Budget Office. She has been the steady hand of the Scorekeeping Unit, generous with her time and knowledge, and vital to the smooth functioning of CBO's Budget Analysis Division.

Janet's retirement constitutes a profound loss of institutional memory to both CBO and the Congress—nobody has ever worked in the Scorekeeping Unit as long as she has. Her presence won't easily be replaced and will be sorely missed.

# HONORING YOUNTVILLE WOMEN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II

## HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 13, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor 28 women veterans who served our country honorably during World War II. The Yountville Women Veterans Club today celebrates these brave veterans at a ceremony in Yountville, California.

Their varied contributions to the war effort include working as nurses in France and Germany, as Aviation Services Marines, and at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. When our nation mobilized to confront the aggression and abuses of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan, these women bravely volunteered their services to support our country's war efforts.

More than 350,000 American women volunteered to serve their country during the war, and served in five branches: the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAACs, later renamed the Women's Army Corps, or WACs), the Navy Women's Reserve (WAVES), the Coast Guard Women's Reserve (SPARS), and the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs).

The 28 women honored today are Penni Anderson, Mildred Bliss, Jane Boote, Rita Bowers, Barbra Bregoff, Cathy Britt, Bernice Bryan, Margaret Clotworthy, Shirley Coen, Mary Grissette, Dorothy Henry, Merrice Hoppe, Helen Huntington, Eva Jacques, Janice Klein, Betty McGee, Della Miller-Kenny, Ellie Neilsen, Willa Olivolo, Elizabeth Rosensweig, Paula Ross, Barbara Salinas, Pat Salyer, Pat Smallwood, Kay Tallman, Hope Vandeventer, Dottie Ward, and Theresa Williams.

Mr. Speaker, these 28 women courageously served our country through one of the most challenging and pivotal wars in American history. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor them here today.

# CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF GRACE COUNSELING CENTER

## HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 13, 2016*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 30th anniversary of Grace Counseling Center located in Madison, Morris County, New Jersey.

Grace Counseling Center is devoted to providing guidance to those who need to improve their way of handling life's challenges. The Center also provides service to couples and families who wish to better understand each other's needs and feelings.

Established in 1984, the Center is an independent, nonprofit, interfaith facility where they tend to the needs of their patients. Originally founded by members of the Grace Episcopal Church, they have since become an independent, non-profit counseling center which serves the entire community. Their staff consists of pastoral counselors, psychiatrists and psychologists, all of whom are professionally trained and certified in their respective disciplines.

Additionally, they are supportive of community education programs and administer lectures and workshops during the year. On request, unique programs can be arranged for local churches, synagogues, schools and community and service organizations. One upcoming event, Technology, Social Media, and our Kids, is designed to help parents understand the technology their children are using and have a discussion on the challenges we face with communication due to technology. This goal of this event is to help parents understand their children more, so that they can strengthen their close interpersonal relationship.

As concerns or needs develop, the Center offers programs which address individual issues such as bereavement, unemployment, separation and divorce. These services are usually free or minimally priced and offered to the community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking the members and supporters of the Grace Counseling Center of Madison, New Jersey for all of their service to the community, and in congratulating them on their 30th Anniversary.